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Virginia Troops in French and Indian Wars.

[We begin in the present number of the *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* the publication in instalments, which will run through the present year, of the earliest rolls of each company of Virginia troops engaged in the French and Indian Wars during the time that Washington was colonel and commander-in-chief of the Virginia forces. These rolls, as now printed, are copied from the Washington papers in the Department of State, at Washington. There are different and later rolls of the companies, in all of which of course there are some changes in the personel of the companies. Owing to our limited space, we are unable to give room to more than one roll of any one company. There are two kinds of these rolls, the size roll and the necessary rolls. The size rolls give a personal description of the men, where they lived, and sometimes other information concerning them. The necessary rolls name the men and also name what articles of clothing and equipment it was necessary that each should have, at the time the roll was taken. We present the earliest size roll of each company, as being the most interesting of the series. As a rule, there was no great change in these rolls taken at intervals, though of course some names disappeared and new ones appeared on them. All the peculiarities of spelling, etc., have been closely followed by us. A great many names have been mispelled, but in most instances the proper etymology of the name will at once suggest itself.

We are indebted for our copies of these valuable rolls to the kindness of Mr. A. C. Quisenberry, of the Inspector General's office in the War Department. Mr. Quisenberry is a native of Kentucky but of Virginia descent, which has led him to take an active interest in everything relating to the histories of these two states. He is a distinguished contributor to the leading historical magazines of this country, and as a member of the Filson Club, of Louisville, contributed a biographical sketch of Humphrey Marshall, the elder, which has been published in book form, and attracted considerable attention. Mr. Quisenberry is also a member of the Kentucky Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.]

A Roll of the Officers and Soldiers who engaged in the service of this Colony before the Battle of the Meadows in 1754, according to returns made at Wills Creek, July 9, 1754.

[Note.—The capital letters H, L, M, V, after each man's name indicate which company he belonged to. Hg. indicates Hogg's Company.

This return is recorded in Washington's own hand.—A. C. Q.]

GEO. WASHINGTON, Col°.

GEORGE MUSE, Lt.-Col°. ADAM STEPHEN, Major.

Robert Stobo,	Captain.	John Savage,	Lieut.
Andrew Lewis,	do	James Towers,	do
George Mercer,	do	Wm. Bronaugh,	Ensign.
Peter Hogg,	do	John Mercer,	do
Jacob Vanbraam,	do	Wm. Peyrounie,	do
Thomas Wagener,	Lieut.	James Craik,	do
William Polson,	do	James Craik,	Surgeon.
John West,	do		

John Allan,	H	Thos. Burris,	M
Jacob Arrans,	M	Robert Bennett,	M
John Allan,	V	Wm. Braughton,	M
Chas. Allbury,	V	Henry Bristoe,	M
Henry Bayley, E	H	John Bishop,	M
Henry Bowman,	H	Wm. Bayley,	V kd
John Bryan,	H	Rudolph Brickner,	V wd
John Brown,	H	Robert Bett,	V
Solon Batson,	H wd	Richard Bolton,	V
James Batty,	H	James Black,	V
John Biddlecome,	L	Godfrey Bombgardner,	V
Edw'd Bayley,	L	Christ^{n} Byerly,	V
Joseph Baxter,	L	James Carson,	H
Thomas Burney,	L	Wm. Coffland, E	H
John Burk,	L	John Carroll,	H
Thomas Byrd,	L wd	Joseph Casterson,	H
Josias Baker,	L	Patrick Coyle,	L
Barth^{w} Burns,	L	Wm. Carns,	L
Bibby Brook,	Hg	Edward Cabell,	L wd
Joshua Burton,	Hg wd	Nathan Chapman, E	L wd
John Boyd,	M	Phil. Connerly,	L wd
Robert Burns,	M	Gerrard Clerk,	L kd
Nathl Barrett,	M	Matthew Cox, E	Hg
Thos. Burk,	M	Wm. Coleman,	Hg
Christ^{n} Bombgardner,	M	Thos. Chaddock,	Hg
John Bryans,	M	John Chapman,	Hg wd

Andrew Clark,	Hg	Jos^{h} Gibbs,	H
Timo. Conway,	M wd	Jacob Gause,	H
John Clements,	M	James Good,	H wd
Thos. Carter,	V	Edw'd Graves,	H
John Campbell,	V	Robert Grymes,	L
John Coen,	V	Jos. Gatewood,	Hg
Wm. Carter,	V	David Gorman,	Hg wd
Wm. Deveeny,	H	Edw'd Goodwin,	Hg wd
Patrick Durphy,	H	Phil. Gatewood,	Hg
Matthew Durham,	Hg wd	James Gwinn,	M
Wm. Dean,	Hg	George Gibbons,	M
James Devoy,	M	Wm. Gardner,	M wd
Claud Dalton,	M	Jno. Gallihorn,	M
James Dailey,	M	Patrick Gallaway,	V
Thos. Donahough,	V	Geo. Gobell,	V
Charles Dunn,	V	Wm. Gerrard,	V
Bern^{d} Draxeller,	V	Wm. Harbinson,	L
John Durham,	L wd	Cornelius Henley,	L
Peter Effleck,	Hg	Benj. Hamilton,	Hg
Robert Elliot,	Hg wd	Abner Haslip,	Hg
Edw'd Evans,	M	Southey Haslip,	Hg
Henry Earnest,	M	Thos. Harris,	Hg
John Franklin,	H	James Heyter,	Hg wd
Nich^{s} Foster,	H	Argyle House,	Hg wd
Thos. Fisher,	H kd	Samuel Hayden,	Hg wd
James Ferguson,	L	Christ^{n} Helsley,	M
Thom^{s} Foster,	L	Mark Hollis,	M
John Field,	L	John Huston,	M
James Fulton,	L wd	Wm. Holland,	M
Duncan Ferguson,	Hg	Matthew Howard,	M
And^{w} Fowler,	Hg	Jno. Hamilton,	V wd
James Ford,	Hg wd	Thos. Hennesey,	V
Wm. Field,	M	Arthur Howard,	V
John Ferguson,	M	Adam Jones,	H
John Farmer,	M	Matthew Jones,	L
Mich^{l} Frank,	V	Wm. Johnston,	Hg
Jacob Furkhauser,	V	Charles James, E	Hg
Jacob Gowen,	H	Robert Jones,	Hg wd
John Goldson,	H	Saml. Isdale,	M

Joshua Jordan,	M wd	David Montgomery,	M
Wise Johnson,	V wd	Jacob Myer,	M
John Johnson,	V	Barnaby McKan,	M kd
Anthony Kennedy,	H	John May,	M
John Kitson,	H kd	Wm. McIntire,	M
Dennis Kenton,	H	Hugh McCoy,	M
Thos. Kitson,	Hg	John McGuire,	M
Wm. Knowls,	V	Geo. Macomb,	V
Ewd. King,	V	Richard Major,	V
James Ludlow,	L	William Mitchell,	V
James Letort,	Hg	John McGregory,	V
Wm. Lowry,	M	Angus McDonald,	V
Nath[l] Lewis,	H	Edw'd Minor,	V
Thos. Longdon, Sr., E	H	Henry Neile,	H
Adam Leonard,	M	Thos. Nicholson,	L wd
Robert McKay,	H	Thos. Napp,	Hg
Jesse Morris,	H	Matth[w] Nevison,	Hg
Isaac Moor,	H	Thos. Ogden,	H
James Milton,	H	John Ogilvie,	H
Mich[l] McGrath,	H wd	John Poor,	L
Robt. McCulroy,	H wd	William Poor,	L
Dan'l McClaren,	H kd	Thos. Pearce,	L
Richard Morris,	H	John Powers,	L
Mich[l] McCannon,	L	Bryant Page,	Hg
John Maston,	L	Martial Pratt, E	Hg
John Mulholland,	L	Alex[r] Perry,	M
John McCutty,	L wd	William Pullen,	M kd
Geo. McSwine,	L wd	John Potter,	V wd
Robt. Murphey,	L	Joseph Powell,	V wd
John McIntire,	L	Hugh Paul,	V
Dan'l Malotte,	L	Mich[l] Reiley,	H wd
James McCommac,	L	Ware Rocket,	H
Jesse May,	Hg	James Rowe,	L
Joseph Milton,	Hg	John Rodgers,	L wd
John Martin,	Hg	John Rodgers,	L
Nicholas Morgan,	Hg	John Ramsey, E	L kd
Thomas Moss,	Hg	John Rowe,	Hg
John Mears,	Hg	John Ramsey,	Hg
Dominick Moran,	Hg	Frederick Rupert,	M

John Robinson,	V kd	Dempsey Simmons,	V wd
Ezek[l] Richardson,	V	John Stewart,	V
John Rogers,	V	Francis Self,	V
John Sones,	H	Benj. Spicer,	V
Chas. Smith,	H	Matth[w] Shampe,	V
Rich'd Smith,	H	John Tranton,	H kd
Wm. Stallons,	H	Robt. Tunstall, E	H
Wm. Swallow,	H	Nehemiah Fendall,	L wd
Alexander Stewart,	H wd	Thos. Tedman,	L
Dan[l] Staple,	H	James Tybus,	L wd
John Smith,	L	John Truston,	L
John Smith,	L	James Thomas,	Hg
Terence Swiney,	L	James Tyrell,	M
James Smith,	L	George Taylor,	V wd
Thos. Scott,	L kd	John Thompson,	V
James Samuell, E	Hg	Wm. Underwood,	Hg
Mich[l] Scully, E	Hg	Daniel Welch,	H
Zach[h] Smith,	Hg	Chas. Waddy,	H
Thos. Slaughter,	Hg	James Wech,	H
Dudley Skinner,	Hg wd	Peregrine Williams,	H wd
Joseph Scott,	Hg	John Whitman,	L
John Stephens,	Hg	Arthur Watts,	L wd
Hugh Stone,	M	Philip Waters,	M
Robt. Stewart,	M wd	Michael Waker,	M
Wm. Symmons,	V kd	Edw[d] Whitehead,	V

263 men; wounded 43; killed 12.

Recruits which joined at Wills' creek after y[e] Battle of y Meadows.

John David Wilfer,	Jacob Perkley,
Thos. Sellers,	James McLaughlin,
Bryan Conner,	Henry Leonard,
George Hoarst,	Benj. Smith,
Jacob Havely,	Jacob Kiblar,
Richard Murray,	John Lowe,
Hugh Ratchford,	Gasper Moorhead,
Jacob Cat,	Christian Taylor,

James McBride,
William Tyan,
John Capham,
John Thomas,
John Hamilton.

The following names are included in the pay rolls, tho' not in the returns at Wills Creek:

Hugh Ratchford,	M	David Wilkerson,	L
John Jones,	H	Patrick Smith,	L
John Harwood,	H	John Hart,	L
Abra^{m} Mashaw,	L	Gasper Morean,	L
Robt. Graham,	L	Barnaby Ryley,	L
Thos. Stedman,	L	Nathl Deadman,	L
Thos. Pearson,	L	Wm. Chaplain,	L
Edm^{d} Wagener,	H	John Davis,	L
Rich'd Trotter,	Hg	Pledge Ward,	L
Chas. Soanes,	Hg	Geo. Swiney,	
Matthew Lovingston,	Hg	Daniel Bellott,	
James Meggs,	Hg	Elisha Ward,	
Wm. Hogan,	V	John Lee,	
James Cammock,	M	John Maid.	
Rich'd Pritchard,	M		

DESERTED.

Jacob Beil,
John Beil,
Chas. Boyle,
John Bryant,
John Franklin,
Jno. Baptist Hasty,
Ignatius Jones,
Thos. Lockart,
John McIntosh,
P. Pesenlegar,
Wm. Stroud,
Wm. Turner,
John Wilson,
Jacob Arrans,
Geo. Campbell,
Jacob Catt,
Baron Draxilla,
Jacob Furkhauser,
Jacob Helsley,
George Hurst,
Jacob Heffley,
Henry Leonard,
Richard Murray,
Jacob Perkley,
Benj. Smith.

The foregoing contains a List of all the Soldiers which are to be found either upon the Pay Rolls, or Muster Rolls.—The party of Recruits which join[d] at Wills Creek after the Battle of the Meadows—the Men who received the present of a Pistole from the Country as an acknowledgement of their Gallant Behaviour upon that occasion—and the Detachment which marched to Augusta sometime after the Defeat. By which (there appearing to be 350 upon the Roll) it is evident there are many men (here) Included that are not entitled (strictly) to a share of the 200,000 acres of Land under Gov[r] Dinwiddies Proclam[n], and scarce possible that any can be omitted which are—this being carfully attended to least any might be deprived of their Right by not appearing on the list when they applied to

G° WASHINGTON.

April 30, 1771.

The letter (E) ag[t] each man's name signifies his having entered his claim.

LIST OF OFFICERS OF THE VIRGINIA REGIMENT, 29 MAY, 1754, AND THE DATES OF THEIR COMMISSIONS.

CAPTAINS.

Colonel Joshua Fry, February 25, 1754.
Lieutenant-Colonel George Washington, January 25, 1754.
Major George Muse, March 15, 1754.
Captain Adam Stephen, February 25, 1754.
Captain Robert Stobo, March 6, 1754.
Captain Andrew Lewis, March 8, 1754.
Captain Peter Hog, March 9, 1754.
Lieutenant Jacob Vanbraam, January 25, 1754.
Lieutenant George Mercer, February 25. 1754.
Lieutenant Thomas Wagener, February 26, 1754.
Lieutenant John West, February 27, 1754.
Lieutenant William Polson, February 28, 1754.
Lieutenant John Savage, March 9, 1754.
Ensign James Towers, January 25, 1754.

Ensign Wm. Bronaugh, March 20, 1754.
Ensign John Mercer, March 26, 1754.
Ensign Wm. Peyroune, April 20, 1754.
Ensign James Craik, May 23, 1754.
Surgeon James Craik, March 7, 1754.
Commissary John Carlyle, January 25, 1754.

A List of Officers, and the Dates of their Commissions.

CAPTAINS

Captain Mercer, August 15, 1755.
" Waggener, August 16, 1755.
" Stewart, August 18, 1755.
" Lewis, August 23, 1755.
" Woodward, August 25, 1755.
" Spottswood, August 26, 1755.
" McKenzie, September 4, 1755.

LIEUTENANTS.

Lieutenant McNeill (Capt-Lieut.), August 18, 1755.
" Bullett, August 20, 1755.
" Steuart, August 21, 1755.
" Blagg, August 22, 1755.
" Lomax, August 26, 1755.
" Steenburger, August 27, 1755.
" Campbell, August 30, 1755.
" King, September 3, 1755.
" Baker, September 4, 1755.
" Gist, October 1, 1755.
" Buckner, June 29, 1756.
" Dangerfield, May 25, 1757.
" Hubbard, May 26, 1757.
" Milner, May 26, 1757.
" Flemming, May 26, 1757.
" Price, May 26, 1757.
" Thompson, July 24, 1757.

Lieutenant Smith, July 25, 1757.
" Weeden, July 26, 1757.
" Crawford, July 27, 1757.

ENSIGNS.

Ensign Roy, January 31, 1756.
" Duncanson, June 28, 1756.
" Sumner, June 29, 1756.
" Russell, June 30, 1756.
" Lawson, ——— ———.
" Sprake, July 10, 1757.
" Fell, July 16, 1757.
" Woodford, July 13, 1757.
" Starke, July 25, 1757.
" Joseph Feint, ——— ———.
" Colby Chew, October 1, 1757.

[Copied from Washington's original MS. orders.]

FORT CUMBERLAND, September 17, 1775.

Ensign Forgie for the day.

Parole: Success.

George Washington, Esquire is, by His Honor Governor Dinwiddie, appointed Colonel of the Virginia Regiment, and Commander in Chief of all the Forces that now are, and shall be Raised, &c. &c.

Captain Adam Stephen is appointed Lieutenant Colonel; and Captain Andrew Lewis, Major of the same Regiment.

Captain George Mercer, of the Virginia Forces, is appointed aid de Camp to Colonel Washington.

Lieutenants John Savage, John Mercer, Joshua Lewis and Henry Woodward are appointed as Captains in the Virginia Regiment.

Mr. Robert Spotswood, Carter Harrison, Charles Lewis, William Peachy, David Bell and Robert McKenzie are appointed Captains in the same Regiment.

Ensigns Thomas Bullitt, Walter Stewart, John Blegg, Hancock Eustace and George Frazier, are promoted to Lieutenants.

Mr. John Edward Lomax, John Williams, Augustine Brokenborough, John Campbell, John Hall, John Lowry, John King and James Baker, are appointed Lieutenants.

Quartermaster Mordecai Buckner is appointed Ensign.

Mr. John Polson, William Dangerfield, Edward Hubbard, John Dean, Nathaniel Milner, William Fleming, Leonard Price, Nathaniel Thomson, Thomas Carter, Chas. Smith, Lee Hessins De Keyzier, George Gordon and George Weeden are appointed Ensigns.

The former Captains and Lieutenants, who are not promoted, continue in their former posts.

James Livingston, Fort-Major, is appointed Adjutant to the Virginia Regiment.

Every officer of the Virginia Regiment to provide himself, as soon as he can conveniently, with suit of Regimentals of good blue Cloath; the Coat to be faced and cuffed with scarlet, and trimmed with Silver; a scarlet waistcoat, with silver Lace; blue Breeches, and a silver-laced hat, if to be had, for Camp or Garrison duty. Besides this, each officer to provide himself with a common soldier's Dress for Detachments and Duty in the Woods.

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SEPTEMBER 18, 1755.

Lieutenant Bronaugh is promoted to be a Captain in the Virginia Regiment.

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(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Discourse of the Old Company.

(CONTINUED.)

And here first wee are in duety forced to deliver unto yor Lo^{ps}, that the restoring, supporting & re advancem^{t} of that Plantation, wee hold to bee a worke, though of great necessitie for the honour, yea and service of his Matie, these tymes considered: yet wth all of soe extreame difficultie, that it is not to be